GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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METHOD FOR IMPROVING MEDAL TALLY IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the innovative and systematic efforts evolved to improve the medal tally of Indian Sports persons in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games 2010; and

(b) the details of the allocations made and the amount spent therefrom so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): After extensive discussions with National Sports Federations, a programme for providing systematic state-of-the art training, facilities, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment, foreign coaches etc. has been drawn up for improving the medal tally of Indian sportspersons, who will represent India in the Commonwealth Games, 2010. The number of sportspersons to be provided training would be roughly 3-4 times the number who would actually represent India in the Games so that those with highest performance levels could be selected for the Games. Current estimates indicate an expenditure of Rs.661.00 crore for the above training over four years (2007-08 to 2010-11) and action has been initiated for obtaining necessary approvals for allocation of funds.